

The District Five Board of Trustees met Monday, March 24, 2014, at the District Five Administrative Office, 100 N. Danzler Road, Duncan, SC at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mr. Steve Brockman  
Mr. Bo Corne  
Mr. Rick Eitel  
Mr. Garry Harper  
Mr. Phil McIntyre  
Mrs. Julie McMakin  
Mr. James Norman  
Mr. Michael Thompson

1. **Call to Order and Notice to Media:** Mr. Garry Harper, Chairman, called the meeting to order and read the Notice to Media:

Spartanburg County School District Five has complied with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act in notification of the media and other interested parties and organizations and posting of the agenda.

2. **Open Meeting with Prayer:** Mr. Michael Thompson led the opening prayer.
3. **Approval of Minutes – February 24, 2014:** Minutes from the February 24, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.
4. **Special Recognition:** Mr. Tony Gillespie, Athletic Director, recognized the following students and coaches for winter sports accomplishments:

- Wrestling: Coach Russ Howard  
Alexander Spencer  
Charlie Connor
- Girls Basketball: Coaches Melvin Robinson and Stacy Parris  
Brianna James  
Breanna Hines
- Boys Basketball  
Syverio Jones

5. **Action Agenda**

- a) **District Calendar Adjustment and Proposed Forgiveness of Three Student Days:** Dr. Turner presented the waiver from the State Department of Education allowing local school districts flexibility to forgive student make up days missed due to inclement weather on January 28 and 29, as well as February 11-14, 2014. The law was passed allowing flexibility to forgive days missed after all three built in make

up days have been used. Dr. Turner reported that students had already made up two days, February 17 and March 14. The students will make up the final day on Monday, June 2. An adjustment to the school calendar has been made as follows: May 29, previously scheduled as a half day, will become a full day. May 30 will remain a half day, and June 2 will also be a half day. Administration asked the board to forgive the remaining three student days.

After questions and discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (8-0) to forgive the remaining three student make up days as recommended by the administration.

- b) **Report of Self Contained Special Needs Classes:** Mrs. Maureen Kriese, Director of Special Education, presented the special education summary and projections for the upcoming school year. Mrs. Kriese's report included the number of children identified and referred for testing to receive special education services, the number of self-contained elementary classes per location, and the number of intermediate through high school self-contained classes per location.

Mrs. Kriese reported the need for two additional full time special education teachers, due to the increase in school testing referrals and the number of students receiving Response to Intervention services who are not making progress. Most likely the two additional classes would be added to River Ridge Elementary School due to the availability of space at that location.

- c) **Request for Two Self Contained Special Needs FTEs for 2014-2015:** Dr. Turner presented a request to hire two additional full time special education teachers for the 2014-2015 school year. He reported that the request was being presented earlier than the other budget requests due to the difficulty in finding teachers certified in this area.

After questions and discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (8-0) to authorize administration to hire two full time employees for self-contained special needs classes for the 2014-15 school year.

- d) **Request for Foreign Language Field Trip to Germany – Summer 2015 (Policy IJOA):** Mr. Terry Glasgow, principal of D. R. Hill Middle School, introduced Ms. Crystal Rowe, middle school German teacher. Ms. Rowe presented information about an opportunity to take students on a trip to Germany in June 2015. Ms. Rowe is partnering with Education First Tours. She reported that the trip would be available for students in grades 8, 9, and 10 during the 2014-15 school year. She reviewed several highlights of the trip as well as the associated costs. Dr. Turner reported that even though this trip is not sponsored by District Five Schools, policy IJOA requires that trips to foreign countries be approved by the board.

After questions and discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously (8-0) to approve the foreign language field trip request to Germany in June 2015 as presented.

## 6. Reports

- a) **Dual Credit Programs:** Dr. Ashley Atkinson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, provided an update on the Dual Credit opportunities available to high school students. His presentation highlighted the Scholars Academy through USC-Upstate, transferable college credit courses offered at SCC, Byrnes High School, as well as R.D. Anderson. Dr. Atkinson reviewed the application and acceptance process for each program, as well as the associated tuition and fees.
- b) **Budget Requests 2014-2015:** Mr. David Hayes, Director of Finance, reported that the 2014-2015 budget requests per school had been made available to the board members for review. He stated that this was not a list of recommendations, but a compilation of all requests received from schools and administrators. Mr. Hayes informed the board that this list would be a tool used in developing the budget that will be presented to the board in June.

Mr. Hayes also announced that the board's Finance Committee will meet on April 21 at the District Five Administrative Offices.

## 7. Executive Session

- a) **Personnel:** A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously (8-0) to go into executive session for the purpose of personnel recommendations.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously (7-0) to accept the personnel recommendations as presented. Mr. Brockman left the meeting before the vote was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Thompson  
Secretary